

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 15.6

PSYCHOSURGERY

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

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II. DESCRIPTION

Psychosurgery is brain surgery directed at destroying normal and healthy brain tissue in order to relieve mental and psychic symptoms that other treatment modalities such as drug therapy and psychotherapy have been ineffectual in treating, for the purpose of changing or controlling behavior or emotions.

III. POLICY

Psychosurgery is not in accordance with accepted professional medical standards and is not covered.

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